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SECURITY GUARD COMPANY OWNERS SENTENCED FOR EMPLOYMENT TAX FRAUD

Washington, D.C. - Ronson Britt, age 64, of McLean, Virginia, and Willie Borden, age 63, of Silver Spring, Maryland, were sentenced today to periods of incarceration for their failure to pay employment taxes, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald Machen Jr., Acting Assistant Attorney General John A. DiCicco of the Tax Division and C. Andre Martin, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Washington Field Office for the Internal Revenue Service. Both defendants pled guilty to tax fraud; defendant Borden pled on June 9, 2009, and defendant Britt pled on October 27, 2009.

U.S. District Court Judge John Robertson sentenced Britt to 18 months incarceration and Borden to 12 months and one day. Following their respective periods of incarceration, Judge Robertson placed both defendants on 36 months of supervised release and ordered them to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$2,117,840.

According to evidence presented during the plea hearing, Britt and Borden were the owners of B&B Security Consultants, Inc., which was in the business of providing security guards to various organizations and events throughout the D.C. Metropolitan area. Between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2006, B & B Security Consultants, Inc. withheld \$2,117,840 in payroll taxes from B & B employees paychecks, but Britt and Borden purposefully failed to remit this sum to the Internal Revenue Service. Instead of paying these payroll taxes to the Internal Revenue Service, the defendants used the funds to pay themselves substantial salaries, purchase discretionary business items and divert business assets for personal expenditures.

"The IRS-Criminal Investigation realizes the detrimental consequences of employment tax fraud," stated C. André Martin, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge, Washington DC Field Office. "It can result in the loss of future social security or Medicare benefits for employees and the loss of tax revenue to the United States government."

In announcing today's guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen, Acting Assistant Attorney General DiCicco and Internal Revenue Service Special Agent-in-Charge Martin commended the investigatory work of

I.R.S. Special Agents Nicole Davis and Tara Reed. They also praised Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan B. Menzer and Tax Division Trial Attorney Karen E. Kelly, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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